

what's on

in Cambridge

July 2026

Have you signed up? 2026 Team Challenge at the Velodrome (12 Sept). Get your community or corporate team together! Challenge another company or club. Entries close 24 July.

Details: <https://www.velodrome.nz/team-challenge/>

Midweek Magic – Save 50% on Selected Guided Tours and Sanctuary Explorer Day Passes, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, 99 Tari Rd, Pukeatua, 9am-4pm. Discover NZ's largest fenced eco-sanctuary, home to some of Aotearoa's rarest and most endangered wildlife. Valid until 30th September 2026. Use code MIDSAVE50 at the checkout online.

<https://www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz/visit/super-savers>

Until Wednesday 5 August

Italian Film Festival, Tivoli Cinema, 32 Lake St, various times. A slice of Italy! The festival is as authentic as it is entertaining, with films ranging from dramas to documentaries, comedies to thrillers, historical to romance and even a couple of westerns. www.tivolicinema.co.nz,

<https://www.italianfilmfestivalnz.com>

Friday 24 – Sunday 26 July

Pathway Assessment Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 24 12pm-5pm; Sat 25 6am-5pm; Sun 26 6am-1pm. Zones 4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, www.lakekarapiro.co.nz

Saturday 25 July

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

2026 X Lab Track Series (3/3), Grassroots Trust Velodrome, 15 Hanlin Rd, 8.45am-1pm. Round 3 will be a full Omnium, featuring: Scratch Race, Elimination Race, Point-a-Lap and Points Race. For more information visit the [MWCC Facebook Group](#)

Pulse Party Free Event – Social Walk & Coffee, Lake Te Ko Utu carpark sign, 9am. A fun, relaxed way to get moving and meet new people. Enjoy an easy-paced walk together, followed by coffee and chat at Coffee Club. Everyone is welcome! This will be a monthly walk, to different places (40-45 min walk). Weather dependent. Ph 027 4144 281.

Monthly Dutch Market, Bridges Church & Community Centre, 28 Duke St, 10am-1pm. All sorts of Dutch goodies, Gezzelgheid and more. Great coffee/tea with speculaasje, kroketten and Bitterballen, Poffertjes, cheese, herring, and the Dutch Shop. Cash sales. Check Facebook for updates.

Marae Market, Nga Hau E Wha, Cambridge Community Marae, Cnr Bracken St/Pope Terrace, 10am-4pm. Seeking stallholders to join in the upcoming market day. Please get in touch if you'd like to take part: zaniaandjennifer@gmail.com

www.cambridge.co.nz

Fibretron 2026, Mystery Creek Events Centre, Gate 3, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, 10am-4pm. Fibretron is Hamilton's premier yarn and fibre festival. A haven for yarn and fibre enthusiasts. You'll find everything from raw fibres, batts, hand dyed yarn, commercial yarn, spinning wheels, needles, notions and much more, all under one roof. Coffee and food trucks. Free entry. Plenty of onsite parking. hello@fibretron.co.nz, <https://www.fibretron.co.nz>

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

St Peter's Cambridge vs FAHS Fielding High School – CNI 1st XV Rugby, St Peter's School, 1716 Cambridge Rd, 12pm-2pm. CNI Game 42 Round 9 match. <https://www.cnirugby.co.nz/>

Te Awa River Ride Light Night, from Gaslight Theatre, 8 Alpha St, 6pm-8pm. Grab your wheels and winter woollies and join us for a walk or ride on the lit-up Te Awa River Ride, creating a unique experience. Enjoy lights, activities, music, hot food and drink and a vibrant festival feel. Bring your brightest lights, dress to glow! All those on bikes must have lights. Food Trucks from 5.30pm! No parking available at the Gaslight Theatre, so please walk or ride to the event. Ph 021 333 623, info@te-awa.org.nz, <https://www.te-awa.org.nz/>

Mosaic Choir in Concert, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 7pm-8.30pm. Cambridge community choir Mosaic returns, bringing warmth, energy, and a genuine sense of community under the direction of Brooke Baker. Un-auditioned and drawn from all walks of life, they are united by a love of music. Tickets: Waged \$20, Unwaged \$15, U13 free from <https://events.humanitix.com/mosaic-annual-concert/tickets>

Sunday 26 July

One Motion – Fun Run, Lake Te Koo Utu, 8am-1pm. A community fundraiser fun run for Kids in Need Waikato. Two route options: Route One — 2.8km | Lake perimeter path, 2 laps of 1.4km. Flat, sealed, perfect for all ages and abilities. Route Two — 4km | Lake stairs and hills, 2 laps of 2km. Stairs, hills, lake path. Perfect challenge. Also: sausage sizzle, food trucks and coffee carts on site, Event t-shirts available. Parking available by Bridgestone tyres. Proudly organised by One Motion & Eventi. Cost \$16.43 Adult; \$11.14 child; \$48.15 family (up to 4) from <https://events.humanitix.com/one-motion-fun-run-7fx7bwnj/tickets>

Dogs Day at The Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10am-5pm. Bring your dog along as you walk through the Park (last Sunday of every month). Have a coffee at the Roosting Ruru cafe. <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/>

Kids Movie Night - Tangled, Good Union, 98 Victoria St, 5pm. Movie screening, \$5 Kids Bento Boxes, activities and more. T&Cs apply – with every full paying adult and bookings are essential. Ph 07 834 4040. <https://www.goodunion.co.nz/whats-on/>

Wednesday 29 July

Final Cambridge Raceday of the 2025/26 Season, Cambridge Jockey Club, 40 Racecourse Rd, 11am. Join for exciting racing at the Cambridge synthetic track before the new season kicks off. Free entry. <https://www.waikatoracing.co.nz>

Friday 31 July

Harness Racing, Cambridge Raceway, 1 Taylor St, first race 5pm. <https://www.cambridgeraceway.co.nz/racing-calendar/>

Friday 31 July – Sunday 2 August

Branded Winter Warm Up, Don Rowlands Centre, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 2pm-10pm; Sat 10am-10pm; Sun 9.30am start. Warm up your winter with fun, friends, and song! Showcasing 1st Class entertainment from the 50s, 60s, & 70s, enjoy the dynamic line-up of over 30 country music stars including Keinan Ngapo, Debbie Laken, Terina Barret and more. Professional caterer on site over the 3 days plus the Podium Café situated in the domain. Tickets: weekend pass \$60pp; Friday pass \$35pp; Saturday pass \$35pp; Sunday \$10pp available at the venue only (no option to buy online). Cash on arrival only – no eftpos. Options to camp onsite for self-contained motorhomes and caravans – book through <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>. For more information contact Keith Willis Ph 027 429 0047 or kawillis1954@gmail.com, <https://www.nzmca.org.nz/>

AUGUST

Saturday 1 August

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Karapiro Classic Water Ski Race, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, (TBA). Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, www.lakekarapiro.co.nz

Murder at the Party, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 5.30pm-7.30pm. The gathering was going well... until an announcement... a body has been found, a murder has been committed! The venue is in lockdown. Can you identify the killer? Teams of 4-6 people are recommended. No drinks included, but the bar will be open. Email hamiltonevents@confinement.co.nz if any questions. Tickets \$40 from https://confinement.rezdy.com/769203/cambridge-murder-at-the-party?ga_data=e30%253D

Sunday 2 August

Miniature Trains, Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, 9.30am-12.15pm. Trains run 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month weather permitting. Rides \$2pp. Kids under 5 ride free with paying adult. Eftpos available. Covered shoes required. There is a permanent exhibition of model railways in the old bowling club alongside, open every weekend, 10am-12.30pm. Youngsters are encouraged to 'have a drive'. Gold coin donation. For updates: Cambridge Model Engineering Society Facebook. Secretarycmes@gmail.com, <https://www.cmes.org.nz>

Empire Street Market, Empire St, 10am-2pm. First Sunday of the month. An artisan street market in the centre of town with live music, coffee, baked treats, handmade creations, jewellery, clothing, bric-a-brac, and more. Vendor applications: barbara@violette.co.nz

Good Union Urban Roll, meeting at the top of Lake Te Ko Utu by the white gates, 3pm-4pm. Our roll will be a lovely jaunt around the Cambridge Cycle Trails, (roughly 30 - 45min) then back to the Good Union for some Hot Chips (kindly provided by our friends at the GU). LOVE to see some new faces! Old faithful's, bring ya mates. <https://www.bicyclerevolution.co.nz/>

Sonic Boom – A Concert for Kids, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 3pm-4.15pm. The Monroes present SONIC BOOM EXA concert experience. A high-energy concert made especially for kids, packed with epic singalongs, wild dance moments, and nonstop fun. Tickets GA \$36.55pp; group and family passes available from <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/sonic-boom-live-band-concert-for-the-kids/cambridge>

Monday 3 August

Lunchtime Concert – University of Waikato Violin Class, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 12pm-1pm. Take a break and come along to a lunchtime concert. A great chance to hear live music and support local young musicians. Bring your friends, bring your lunch. Free. Other dates: 24 August, 7 September. Ph 07 827 3097, info@cambridgetownhall.co.nz.

Beers & Boardgames, Cambridge Town Hall, 5pm-8pm. Looking for a relaxed way to start your week? Enjoy some casual games, a drink, and a good laugh in the Edwardian Room. Games will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your favourites along to play. All ages welcome, under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Other dates: 9 Nov. Ph 07 827 3097, info@cambridgetownhall.co.nz

Wednesday 5 August

Cambridge Cruise Night (Stragglers Rod & Custom), Main St - Victoria St, park up anytime from 5.30pm. Everyone's welcome to join in - bring your hot rod, classic, or daily driver, you don't need to be a Stragglers' member, just enjoy the fabulous cars parked along the street. First Wednesday of each month.

Vetro Cambridge presents: "A Taste of France", Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 6.30pm-8.30pm. An evening of French wines, artisan cheeses, passionate experts, perfect pairings, and shared discovery. Tickets \$27 from <https://events.humanitix.com/vetro-cambridge-presents-a-taste-of-france/tickets>

Friday 7 August – Saturday 8 August

Activating Abilities Expo, Grassroots Trust Velodrome, 15 Hanlin Rd, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Open to the public, the Expo features inclusive *Have a Go* experiences that encourage everyone (including able-bodied participants) to try activities, build understanding, and see ability from a new perspective. Across both days, enjoy hands-on experiences such as **wheelchair BMX, wheelchair basketball, trikes, tandem riding on the velodrome, gym classes**, and more, alongside opportunities to meet service providers and discover pathways to participation. All free. If you are interested in bringing a group along or hosting a stall, please email events@velodrome.nz. <https://humanitix.com/nz>

Saturday 8 August

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Sunday 9 August

Cambridge Market - Trash'n'Treasure, Memorial Park (The Rugby Grounds), 62 Taylor St, 8.30am-1pm. A variety of products at bargain prices. New and old goods for sale, buskers, entertainment, and a food court. Every second Sunday of the month. For stall bookings contact: cambridge@lionsclubs.org.nz (priced from \$20). <https://www.cambridgemarket.nz/>

Cambridge Repair Café, Cambridge Brass Bandroom, 26 Vogel St, 10am-12pm. Bring something to repair, or tools and skills to share! Items must be portable (no appliances!), and you must stay with your item. cambridgerepaircollective@gmail.com

Winter Ribbon Day Series (2/3), Leamington Pony Club, Carlyle St, 10.30am. Ribbon Day and clear round show jumping. Other date: 20 September. Ribbon points add up to grand champion. Classes are changed for each show and new schedule released. Food/coffee available. Show Jumping@1pm (ring 1: x-poles - 60cm, ring 2: 70cm upwards). Everybody welcome, no need to be a pony club member. Can just come to show jumping in PM if you don't want to do ribbon day. Entries to: Events.learmingtonpc@gmail.com Entries close: Ribbon Day 2 weeks prior to show date. SJ can be entered prior or on day. *Refunds only given for vet or Medical Certificates.

HBCAFC Women's First Team vs Cambridge FC, Field 1, John Kerkhof Park, 36 Vogel St, 1pm.
Cambridge FC vs Hibiscus Coast AFC.

'Daffodils' Spring Sunday Studio Session, Cambridge Art House, 3165 Ohaupo Rd, 1pm-4pm. Painting glorious DAFFODILS to brighten the depths of winter. Receive a framed canvas ready to make your magic upon (or choose a stretched canvas). Small class numbers for individual step by step guidance by professional artist Leslie. Includes afternoon tea. You are welcome to BYO bubbles too and sip and paint. Tickets: Framed Daffodils \$79+fee, Unframed \$59+fee from <https://www.cambridgearthouse.com/event-details/daffodils-spring-sunday-studio-sessions>

Friday 14 August

Harness Racing, Cambridge Raceway, 1 Taylor St, first race 5pm.

<https://www.cambridgeraceway.co.nz/racing-calendar/>

Family Fun Nights, Perry Aquatic Centre, 23 Williamson St, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Every Friday. Swim and have fun on the inflatable all for \$7. Children under 10 years must be supervised by an adult. Age limit of 5 years plus for the inflatable. Ph 07 823 5115; email reception.CB@gowaipa.com, <https://www.gowaipa.com/perry-aquatic-centre-cambridge>

Friday 14 – Saturday 15 August

Winter Series Show Jumping Training Day 4, Takapoto Estate 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 9am. Schedule coming soon. Spectating is free. Café open 7.30am-2.30pm, bar open 11am.

<https://www.takapoto.co.nz/winter-2026>

Friday 14 – Sunday 16 August

Model Railway Exhibition, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, Model railways, plastic kit modelling, Meccano, laser cutting, radio-controlled vehicles, hands on activities, hobby equipment for sale, behind the scenes inclusive tours for people with sensory needs. In partnership with the Greater Waikato Railway Modelers. Free entry.

<https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/#august>

Saturday 15 August

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

BYO e-Bike Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-12pm. Experience a guided e-Bike tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and Volare scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Own e-Bike essential. Cost \$45 from

<https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/15-august-2026>

Sunday 16 August

Te Miro Tussle, Event by Te Miro MTB Club, 632 Waterworks Rd, Te Miro, 8.30am-2pm. Te Miro Tussle Trail Running Festival 2026. Join us for a fun-filled day of trail running, featuring stunning trails, great community spirit, spot prizes, team challenges, and races for all ages and abilities. Distances: 21km Half Marathon, 10km Trail Run, 5km Run/Walk, 2km Kids Event, Team Competition. Grab your friends, family, workmates, school mates, or club members and enter as a team. Teams can include runners across different distances. Podium prizes across age categories, Spot prizes, Sausage sizzle & refreshments available, Event photography, School Team Challenge (Year 1-8), Battle of the Sponsors Team Competition. Please note: Te Miro MTB Park remains an active mountain bike park. This event uses specially designed running courses within the park. Pricing from \$15 - \$50 Early Bird, or \$15 - \$65. Register now: <https://www.temiromtbclub.co.nz/te-miro-tussle/>

Urban Miners – Waipa E-Waste Recyclers, Cambridge High School Carpark, 25 Swayne Rd, 9am-11am. E-waste recycling. Charges apply. <https://www.urbanminers.nz/>

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Spotlight on Dance 2026, Cambridge Cruisers Rock'n'Roll, Hautapu District Hall, 143 Hautapu Rd, 12pm-4pm. This well-structured event with judges and dancers' suits anyone keen to gain more understanding and insights to developing the aspects of dancing aligned with our Judging Guidelines NZARRA. Suitable for anyone no matter their level of experience. A platform for judges to share their skills, insights and can get their very important judging eye in. Entry \$5. Email cambridgecruisers@gmail.com and we'll get that registration form to you.

Thursday 20 August

Paintvine Watercolour & Wine Night – Wildflowers in Vases, Good Union, 98 Victoria St, 7pm-9pm. A social painting class where artists will run you through step-by-step instructions on how to create your very own masterpiece in a fun and relaxed bar setting. No art experience needed. No drinks included, but drinks and meals are available to purchase. All art materials supplied. Tickets \$45 from <https://paintvine.co.nz/products/wildflowers-in-vases-20-08-2026-good-union-cambridge>

Friday 21 August

Harness Racing, Cambridge Raceway, 1 Taylor St, first race 5pm.
<https://www.cambridgeraceway.co.nz/racing-calendar/>

Meet Eat Repeat, Bridges Church & Community Centre, 28 Duke St, rolling dinner from 5.30pm. FREE event third Friday of every month. Koha accepted. Enjoy a meal together with your friends and whanau. If you need a lift: Cambridge Community House Ph 07 827 5402. Contact: Ruth, Ph 027 2021 191. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/701586107309320/>

Saturday 22 August

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Wine Tasting at the Cabana, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 11am-4pm. Three flights, from \$20pp, all tastings are redeemable with a three-bottle purchase. Available every Saturday, no bookings required. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/event-calendar>

Ironfist 21 Caged, Don Rowlands centre, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, 4pm-10.30pm. Muay Thai, kick boxing, boxing, MMA, exhilarating cage fighting. VIP tables, dinner, drinks, dessert, open bar, food and action packed entertainment. Tickets: GA standing/seated \$54.55pp, VIP GA \$75.05pp from Ph 0800 BUY TIX (289 849); <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/ironfist-21-caged/waikato>

Saturday 22 August – Saturday 5 September

The Appleton Ladies Potato Race, Gaslight Theatre, 8 Alpha St, various dates 7.30pm-10pm; matinees Sun 23 & Sun 30 Aug 2pm-4.30pm. Penny, a GP returns home from Sydney to discover that the town's annual potato race still has separate categories for men and women with \$1,000 for the men and only \$200 for the women. As Penny pushes for change, the play explores friendship, community dynamics, and the courage it takes to stand up for fairness in the face of long-held traditions. Tickets \$30 from https://gaslight.nz/index.php/box_office/

Sunday 23 August

Daffodil Rally for Cancer, meet Leamington Primary School, Lamb St, 10.30am for 10.45am departure. Run approx. 30-45 mins long and will finish at VCC Clubrooms, MacLean St. It's the Vintage Car Club's National Day and across NZ hundreds of vehicles will be on the road or on display to raise money for your local Cancer Society. \$20 donation on arrival – join the Rally, everyone's welcome, no matter what kind of vehicle you drive. Food Truck, BBQ, Coffee Cart, Donuts. NO EFTPOS. \$20 includes lucky number prize draw per area. Lucky numbers drawn at 1pm. Toilets in clubrooms. Raffle and competitions will be running during the day. Enquiries to waikato@vcc.org.nz, <https://www.vcc.org.nz>

Monday 24 August

Lunchtime Concert – University of Waikato Voice Class, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 12pm-1pm. Take a break and come along to a lunchtime concert. A great chance to hear live music and support local young musicians. Bring your friends, bring your lunch. Free. Other dates: 7 September. Ph 07 827 3097, info@cambridgetownhall.co.nz.

Friday 28 August

Walking Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-1pm. Experience a guided walking tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and Volare scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/28-august-2026>

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Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 August

NZ Boat, Fish & Dive Expo, Mystery Creek Events Centre, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm. If you are in any shape or form interested in any water-based sports from boating to fishing, scuba diving, free-diving, spearfishing, kayaking, wakeboarding, skiing, jet skiing, seafood or the culinary preparation of it, then this is one event you cannot afford to miss! Tickets \$25, child 12 and under free. <https://www.nzboatfishdiveexpo.co.nz/>

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SEPTEMBER

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Saturday 5 September

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Munch & Mix-Kai at the Marae, Cambridge Community Marae, 3 Bracken St (main entrance off Pope Terrace), Leamington, 10am-2pm. Pop Up Marketeers are bringing "Munch and Mix, Kai at the Marae". A great day to come down and enjoy a kai, experience a different range of foods, homemade baking, jams & sauces, sweets and desserts and other delicious treats. Various Food Carts, Community Group Fundraisers, Homemade Baking and Treats. Live Music to enjoy while having a kai. Family friendly, bring the kids — pony rides, face painting, bubbles, popcorn, jibbitz for all your crocs! Free entry. Email popupmarketeters@gmail.com

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Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 September

Huntly & District Kennel Association's 75th Anniversary Championship Shows, Cambridge Dog Obedience Club, McKinnon Park, Cnr Taylor & Swayne Rd, 8am. To celebrate this milestone, we have assembled an outstanding international judging panel featuring respected judges from Canada and Australia, giving exhibitors a rare opportunity to compete under a world-class line-up. Seven championship shows across the weekend, quality judging, excellent

facilities and a special 75th anniversary celebration. The schedule is available and entries are open. Whether you're chasing points, seeking international judging opinions, or simply looking forward to a great weekend of dog showing, you won't want to miss this. Enter now through the Dogs New Zealand online entry system: <https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/>

Sunday 6 September

Miniature Trains, Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, 9.30am-12.15pm. Trains run 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month weather permitting. Rides \$2pp. Kids under 5 ride free with paying adult. Eftpos available. Covered shoes required. There is a permanent exhibition of model railways in the old bowling club alongside, open every weekend, 10am-12.30pm. Youngsters are encouraged to 'have a drive'. Gold coin donation. For updates: Cambridge Model Engineering Society Facebook. Secretarycmes@gmail.com, <https://www.cmes.org.nz>

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Friday 11 September – Sunday 13 September

Murder Mystery Weekend, Cambridge TOP 10 Holiday Park, 12 Scott St, Leamington, 10am. Your hosts NZMTG. Have you got what it takes to work out who is the murderer and why they did it? Email mark@nzmtg.co.nz with your contact details and he will send you the details for you to confirm. COST: \$175pp to be part of the murder mystery weekend. EVENT TERMS: Everyone who is on the Mystery Murder Tour Weekend needs to take part and act out the role they are given to the best of their acting abilities. Accommodation, Transport, Food & Drinks not included. By attending the Mystery Murder Weekend Tour you agree to abide by the laws of the land and the campground terms. Full details at www.nzmtg.co.nz, click on MMWT. https://www.facebook.com/events/1794238494524020/?active_tab=discussion

Cambridge Chamber Music Festival, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, A vibrant weekend of world-class chamber music with much-loved returning musicians and some of Australasia's finest performers. Friday is informal and immersive; Saturday offers deep listening and a family concert curated by Todd Gibson-Cornish and Amanda Verner. Come for one night or make a weekend of it. Details to follow: <https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/>

Saturday 12 September

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

2026 Team Challenge at the Velodrome, 15 Hanlin Rd. Community or corporate teams of 4-5 people. Perfect if you are brand new to track cycling or if you've raced before. Train together and stay fit through winter. One race day going head-to-head with other teams. Entries close 24 July. Details: <https://www.velodrome.nz/team-challenge/>

Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 September

Championship Jumpers Event, Cambridge Dog Obedience Club, McKinnon Park, 8.15am. The event features 5 Championship Jumpers shows over the weekend, with entry fees of \$6.50 per class. For judging orders, rings, and class breakdowns, view the complete Cambridge Championship Jumpers Schedule: <https://www.showsec.co.nz/showspace.php?viewtype=1>

Sunday 13 September

Cambridge to Hamilton Paddle Race, Cambridge Boat Ramp, Riverside Reserve, 7am. The iconic event offers a scenic and challenging journey down the Waikato River, with options for all skill levels—from the full 23km course and 11km option to a Corporate Challenge. Features categories for Kayaks, Waka Ama, Surf Skis, and Stand-Up Paddleboards (SUP). Entries are now live. <https://www.theboatshed.net.nz/cambridge-to-hamilton-paddle-race/>

Cambridge Market - Trash'n'Treasure, Memorial Park (The Rugby Grounds), 62 Taylor St, 8.30am-1pm. A variety of products at bargain prices. New and old goods for sale, buskers, entertainment, and a food court. Every second Sunday of the month. For stall bookings contact: cambridge@lionsclubs.org.nz (priced from \$20). <https://www.cambridgemarket.nz/>

Cambridge Repair Café, Cambridge Brass Bandroom, 26 Vogel St, 10am-12pm. Bring something to repair, or tools and skills to share! Items must be portable (no appliances!), and you must stay with your item. cambridgerepaircollective@gmail.com

Thursday 17 September

07 Runway Edit, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 7pm. Cambridge Town Hall rolls out the runway with the latest collections from leading local fashion collectives. Be among the first to see new season ranges from labels celebrating local style. Enjoy a complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival. Tickets \$55 from <https://events.humanitix.com/07-runway-edit>

Friday 18 September

Meet Eat Repeat, Bridges Church & Community Centre, 28 Duke St, rolling dinner from 5.30pm. FREE event third Friday of every month. Koha accepted. Enjoy a meal together with your friends and whanau. If you need a lift: Cambridge Community House Ph 07 827 5402. Contact: Ruth, Ph 027 2021 191. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/701586107309320/>

Friday 18 September – Sunday 20 September

The NZMCA Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show, Mystery Creek Events Centre, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, Fri/Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm. Explore a vast array of exhibitors showcasing everything you need for the perfect outdoor lifestyle. Discover the latest products and connect with industry experts for advice. Options to Park & Stay at the event. Show tickets \$18+fee single entry, \$36+fee multi entry. Children 16 and under free if accompanied by an adult. <https://www.nzmotorhomeshow.co.nz/hamilton-about-the-show/>

Winter Series Show Jumping Training Day/Competition Weekend, Takapoto Estate 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 9am. Schedule coming soon. Spectating is free. Café open 7.30am-2.30pm, bar open 11am. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/winter-2026>

Winter Series Show Jumping, Takapoto Estate 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 9am. Friday – Training Day; Sat/Sun – Competition Days. Schedule coming soon. Spectating is free. Café open 7.30am-2.30pm, bar open 11am. <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/winter-2026>

NZ Masters Rowing, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 10am-6pm; Sat/Sun 5am-3pm. Zones 3,4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Saturday 19 September

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Walking Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-1pm. Experience a guided walking tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and Volare scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/19-sept-2026>

Hamilton Civic Choir: Keeping the Song Alive, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 7pm. The Choir celebrates 80 years of choral excellence. Keeping the Song Alive is a fundraiser concert honouring eight decades of music-making, community, and the enduring power of voices raised together. More to follow: <https://www.cth.co.nz/events-calendar/#september>

Sunday 20 September

Cambridge Half Marathon 2026, Tom Voyle Park, Taylor St, 8.30am. The Half Marathon features two scenic, mostly flat loops beneath Cambridge's well-loved trees. Other distances include a one-loop Quarter Marathon (10.7km), a 5km loop, and a 2km kids dash-making it a great day out for families and runners of all abilities. Finish strong, collect your medal, and treat yourself to a well-deserved coffee. Walkers are welcome to take part in all events and will be eligible for spot prizes. Ph 021 404 411. Half Marathon early bird \$75 (\$90); Quarter Marathon early bird \$50 (\$65), 5km early bird \$35 (\$45), 2km Kids \$15. Register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/115214/cambridge-half-marathon-2026>

Urban Miners – Waipa E-Waste Recyclers, Cambridge High School Carpark, 25 Swayne Rd, 9am-11am. E-waste recycling. Charges apply. <https://www.urbanminers.nz/>

Miniature Trains, Leamington Domain, Wordsworth St, 9.30am-12.15pm. Trains run 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month weather permitting. Rides \$2pp. Kids under 5 ride free with paying adult. Eftpos available. Covered shoes required. There is a permanent exhibition of model railways in the old bowling club alongside, open every weekend, 10am-12.30pm. Youngsters are encouraged to 'have a drive'. Gold coin donation. For updates: Cambridge Model Engineering Society Facebook. Secretarycmes@gmail.com, <https://www.cmes.org.nz>

Winter Ribbon Day Series (3/3), Leamington Pony Club, Carlyle St, 10.30am. Ribbon Day and clear round show jumping. Ribbon points add up to grand champion. Food/coffee available. Show Jumping@1pm (ring 1: x-poles - 60cm, ring 2: 70cm upwards). Everybody welcome, no need to be a pony club member. Can just come to show jumping in PM if you don't want to do ribbon day. Entries to: Events.leamingtonpc@gmail.com Entries close: Ribbon Day 2 weeks prior to show date. SJ can be entered prior or on day. *Refunds only given for vet or Medical Certificates.

Monday 21 September

The King of Jazz Violin: A Tribute to Stephane Grappelli, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 6pm. A musical tribute to jazz violin legend, Stéphane Grappelli, featuring live performances and anecdotes from kiwi violinist Dr Joe Harrop, alongside local talent and guests incl. award-winning guitarist Hunter Davis. Tickets \$35 adult, \$30 concession/senior, \$10 U18 from <https://events.humanitix.com/the-king-of-jazz-violin-a-tribute-to-stephane-grappelli>

Friday 25 September

BYO e-Bike Tour, Takapoto Estate, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari, 10am-12pm. Experience a guided e-Bike tour through the breath-taking Takapoto Estate and uncover the beauty beyond the equestrian areas. Includes tea/coffee and Volare scone for morning tea (wine tastings extra and optional at the end of the tour). Own e-Bike essential. Cost \$45 from <https://www.takapoto.co.nz/garden-tours-bookings/p/25-sept-2026>

Family Fun Nights, Perry Aquatic Centre, 23 Williamson St, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Every Friday. Swim and have fun on the inflatable all for \$7. Children under 10 years must be supervised by an adult. Age limit of 5 years plus for the inflatable. Ph 07 823 5115; email reception.CB@gowaipa.com, <https://www.gowaipa.com/perry-aquatic-centre-cambridge>

Friday 25 – Saturday 26 September

North Island Inter Provincial Rowing Regatta, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, Fri 1pm-6pm; Sat 5am-6pm. Zones 4,5,6. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Saturday 26 September

Cambridge Farmers Market, Victoria Square, 8am-12pm.

Monthly Dutch Market, Bridges Church & Community Centre, 28 Duke St, 10am-1pm. All sorts of Dutch goodies, Gezzelgheid and more. Great coffee/tea with speculaasje, kroketten and Bitterballen, Poffertjes, cheese, herring, and the Dutch Shop. Cash sales. Check Facebook for updates.

Sunday 27 September

Karapiro Kayak Racing Club, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro, times TBC, Zones 4,5. Ph 07 827 4178, info@lakekarapiro.co.nz, <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

Annual Pirongia Craft Day, 661 Franklin St, Pirongia, 9am-3pm. What to Expect: 180-200+ stalls featuring: Handmade NZ crafts (jewellery, pottery, textiles, woodwork, art), Plants, produce, and homewares, Food vendors, Live entertainment (music, performances, street acts), Family-friendly activities and a strong community vibe. One of the biggest craft markets in NZ with a long history (40+ years). Focus on NZ handmade and homegrown products only. No dogs are allowed. Parking is available, but it gets busy - arrive early. The whole village turns into a vibrant street market atmosphere. Email moonlightlady@xtra.co.nz

Dogs Day at The Sculpture Park, Waitakaruru Arboretum, 207 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare, 10am-5pm. Bring your dog along as you walk through the Park (last Sunday of every month). Have a coffee at the Roosting Ruru cafe. <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/>

OCTOBER

Sunday 4 October

Cane & Horsehair Global Odyssey, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 3pm. Brings together five remarkable musicians from Australia and New Zealand for a concert of beautiful chamber music, spanning Mozart to the present day. From the lyrical lines of Mozart's Oboe Quartet to fresh voices like Salina Fisher and Lee Bradshaw, this programme celebrates the timeless conversation between oboe and strings. Tickets \$49.50 adult; \$44.50 senior; \$24.50 student; \$16.50 child from <https://orchestratedevents.flicket.co.nz/>

Sunday 18 October

Kids In Need - Colour Cambridge - Save the Date! We're so grateful for the amazing support that makes this event possible and helps us continue our work for children in need across the Waikato. <https://www.kidsinneed.co.nz/>

Monday 19 October

Language Café, Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria St, 5pm. Put your Duolingo or language classes to the test and come along to Language Café. This will be a relaxed and friendly evening to practise your language skills, meet new people, and have a good chat. No fluency required, just a willingness to give it a go.

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October

Kaipaki School 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration. Saturday – Welcome Day, 687 Kaipaki Rd, 10am-3pm. We warmly invite past and present students, staff, whanau, families, and community members to join us as we celebrate Kaipaki School and the rich history of our community. Schedule: Opening/Mihi whakatau; Speeches; Sharing of kai; Opening of the time capsule; Anniversary cake cutting; Decade group photos; Classrooms open for visits; Historical photo displays. Special Activities: Bus ride to the original school site at Rivermonte Park; Horse and carriage rides available on site. Sunday – Picnic Day. A fun-filled day of activities and connection. Bring along your picnic blankets and enjoy a relaxed afternoon with food trucks, music, and games. 150th Merchandise available to purchase. Any queries please pop into school office or email: kaipaki150thchair@kaipaki.school.nz Follow Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18f2Cetjyz/> *Please register your interest in attending: <http://events.humanitix.com/kaipaki-school-welcome-day/tickets>

Monday 26 October – Labour Day

St Andrew's Craft Fair, St Andrew's Church grounds, 85 Hamilton Rd, 9am-2pm. Celebrating its 30th year – 1996-2026. Cambridge Brass Band will be giving a concert in Church. Enquiries email grannydunn.nz@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1 November

Barkfest, Lake Te Koo Utu, Albert St, 10am-3pm. Delivering the ultimate doggy day out and bringing with it a whole lot of wagging tails, and big smiles. This free, family-friendly event celebrates the "everyday dog" and the special bond we share with our four-legged friends. Stalls, food, face painting, photo booths, master classes and the popular competitions and races. Free admission.

Cabaret Show, Cambridge Oaks Lifestyle Village, 14 Terry Came Drive, 2pm-5pm. International performers Lisa Lorrell and Russell Dixon will take you on a musical journey filled with popular classics and fun. Featuring comedy, pop, musical theatre, country and even some opera. Afternoon tea provided. Raising funds for Riding for Disabled Cambridge. Tickets \$25. Contact Julie Price, Ph 027 4456 474, email nakibach@gmail.com

Friday 6 – Sunday 8 November

Bridge 2 Bridge. bridge@skirace.co.nz, <https://www.facebook.com/NZB2B/>

Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November

Armistice in Cambridge. It's coming back! Celebrating New Zealand's military heritage. armisticeincambridge@gmail.com, <https://www.armisticeincambridge.org.nz>

Monday 9 November

Beers & Boardgames, Cambridge Town Hall, 5pm-8pm. Looking for a relaxed way to start your week? Bring a group of friends, work colleagues, family, or join a table and meet new people. Enjoy some casual games, a drink, and a good laugh in the Edwardian Room. Games will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your favourites along. All ages welcome, under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Ph 07 827 3097, info@cambridgetownhall.co.nz

Sunday 15 November

2026 Rotary Cambridge Garden Festival. Yes, we're back - the 2026 Rotary Cambridge Garden Festival planning is well underway. MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY NOW!!

2027

Friday 29 January – Monday 1 February

Festival One, Hartford Farm, 209 Whitehall Rd, Karapiro, Featuring Hulvey, with more artists to be announced. Festival One is a four-day festival experience. Experience 65+ artists across five stages, surrounded by rolling hills, native bush, and a thriving community. Festival One is where music, faith, creativity, and community come together to create an unforgettable experience for people of all ages. Tickets: Full weekend passes \$85 - \$210 (including general parking and camping) from <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2027/jan/festival-one>

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 February 2027

Summernats NZ, Mystery Creek Events Centre, Gate 2, 125 Mystery Creek Rd, 11am-5pm. AEROFLOW SUMMERNATS NZ 2027 - the world's wildest car festival debuts in NZ! Lock it in and start planning the best automotive event of the year! Three huge days of burnouts, show cars, cruising, music, camping, drag racing and more! Entries and tickets on sale soon: <https://www.summernatsnz.com>

Tuesday 23 – Sunday 28 February 2027

Takapoto Classic, 90 Finlay Rd, Maungatautari. Save the date!

12 March – 21 March 2027

Cambridge Autumn Festival, A variety of Cambridge venues. A 10-day celebration of the arts, creativity, and community in beautiful Cambridge during Autumn. Come and enjoy the wonderful range of events - concerts, dance, art exhibitions, workshops, the iconic Main Street Carnival, and Autumn Art Market Day, and more. There are a variety of events - from free events through to paid ticketed events. There's fun for all ages - see you there. Julie Epps, info@cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz, <https://cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz/>

Friday 14 May – Sunday 16 May

Waipa Home & Leisure Show, Mighty River Domain, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Lake Karapiro. For all enquiries contact janine@goodlocal.nz, Ph 027 287 0005.